

U.S. House of Representatives
Committee on Ethics

LEGISLATIVE RESOURCE CENTER

EMPLOYEE POST-TRAVEL DISCLOSURE FORM

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This form is for disclosing the receipt of travel expenses from private sources for travel taken in connection with official duties. This form does not eliminate the need to report privately-funded travel on the annual Financial Disclosure Statements of those employees required to file them. In accordance with House Rule 25, clause 5, you must complete this form and file it with the Clerk of the House, 135 Cannon House Office Building, within 15 days after travel is completed. Please do not file this form with the Committee on Ethics.

NOTE: Willful or knowing misrepresentations on this form may be subject to criminal prosecution pursuant to 18 U.S.C. § 1001.

1. Name of Traveler: Gary Timmins
2. a. Name of accompanying relative: _____ or None ☒
b. Relationship to Traveler: ☐ Spouse ☐ Child ☐ Other (specify): _____
3. a. Dates of departure and return: Departure: 8/7/2018 Return: 8/9/2018
b. Dates at personal expense (if any): _____ or None ☒
4. Departure city: Washington, D.C. Destination: Chicago Return city: Washington, D.C.
5. Sponsor(s) (who paid for the trip): GROWMARK, Inc., Illinois Corn Marketing Board & Illinois Soybean Association Checkoff Board
6. Describe meetings and events attended: Participated in an Illinois delegation agriculture tour of the Chicagoland area, which included education meetings and on-site visits.
7. Attached to this form are EACH of the following (signify that each item is attached by checking the corresponding box):
a. ☒ a completed Sponsor Post-Travel Disclosure Form;
b. ☒ the Primary Trip Sponsor Form completed by the trip sponsor prior to the trip, including all attachments and Grantmaking or Non-Grantmaking Sponsor Forms;
c. ☒ page 2 of the completed Traveler Form submitted by the employee; and
d. ☒ the letter from the Committee on Ethics approving my participation on this trip.
8. a. I represent that I participated in each of the activities reflected in the attached sponsor's agenda. (Signify that statement is true by checking box): ☒
b. If not, explain: _____

I certify that the information contained on this form is true, complete, and correct to the best of my knowledge.

SIGNATURE OF TRAVELER: Gary Timmins DATE: 8/10/18

I authorized this travel in advance. I have determined that all of the expenses listed on the attached Sponsor Post-Travel Disclosure form were necessary and that the travel was in connection with the employee's official duties and would not create the appearance that the employee is using public office for private gain.

NAME OF SUPERVISING MEMBER: Bill Foster DATE: 8/10/18

SIGNATURE OF SUPERVISING MEMBER: Bill Foster

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☐ Original ☐ Amendment

SPONSOR POST-TRAVEL DISCLOSURE FORM

This form must be completed by an officer of any organization that served as the primary trip sponsor in providing travel expenses or reimbursement for travel expenses to House Members, officers, or employees under House Rule 25, clause 5. *A completed copy of the form must be provided to each House Member, officer, or employee who participated on the trip within 10 days of their return.* You must answer all questions, and check all boxes, on this form for your submission to comply with House rules and the Committee's travel regulations. Failure to comply with this requirement may result in the denial of future requests to sponsor trips and/or subject the current traveler to disciplinary action or a requirement to repay the trip expenses.

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1. Sponsor(s) (who paid for the trip): GROWMARK Inc., Illinois Corn Marketing Board, Illinois Soybean Association Checkoff Board

2. Travel Destination(s): Chicago, IL

3. Date of Departure: 8/7/18 Date of Return: 8/9/18

4. Name(s) of Traveler(s): Jimmy Ballard, Mary Ellen Richardson, Gary Timmins

(NOTE: You may list more than one traveler on a form only if all information is identical for each person listed.)

5. **Actual amount** of expenses paid on behalf of, or reimbursed to, each individual named in response to Question 4:

	Total Transportation Expenses	Total Lodging Expenses	Total Meal Expenses	Other Expenses (dollar amount per item and description)
Traveler	\$600.39	\$265.38	\$76.06	
Accompanying Relative				

6. All expenses connected to the trip were for actual costs incurred and not a *per diem* or lump sum payment. (Signify statement is true by checking box): ☒

I certify that the information contained in this form is true, complete, and correct to the best of my knowledge.

Signature: Ann Kafer

Name: Ann Kafer

Title: Vice President, Human Resources & Strategy

Organization: GROWMARK, Inc.

I am an officer of the above-named organization (signify statement is true by checking box): ☒

Address: 1701 Towanda Ave. Bloomington, IL 61702

Telephone number: (309) 557-6345

Email Address: cspencer@growmark.com

Committee staff may contact the above-named individual if additional information is required.

If you have questions regarding your completion of this form, please contact the Committee on Ethics at (202) 225-7103.

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TRAVELER FORM

1. Name of Traveler: Gary Timmins
2. Sponsor(s) (who will be paying for the trip): GROWMARK, Inc., Illinois Corn Marketing Board, and Illinois Soybean Association Checkoff Board
3. Travel destination(s): Chicago, Illinois & Northwestern Illinois
4. a. Date of departure 8/7/2018 Date of return: 8/9/2018
b. Will you be extending the trip at your personal expense? ☐ Yes ☒ No
If yes, dates at personal expense: _____
5. a. Will you be accompanied by a relative at the sponsor's expense? ☐ Yes ☒ No
b. If yes:
(1) Name of accompanying relative: _____
(2) Relationship to traveler: ☐ Spouse ☐ Child ☐ Other (specify): _____
(3) Accompanying relative is at least 18 years of age: ☐ Yes ☐ No
6. a. Did the trip sponsor answer "yes" to Question 9(d) on the Primary Trip Sponsor Form (*i.e.*, travel is sponsored by an entity that employs a registered federal lobbyist or foreign agent and you are requesting lodging for two nights)? ☐ Yes ☒ No
b. If yes, explain why the second night of lodging is warranted:

7. Primary Trip Sponsor Form is attached, including agenda, invitee list, and any other attachments and contributing sponsor forms: ☒ Yes ☐ No
NOTE: The agenda should show the traveler's individual schedule, including departure and arrival times and identify the specific events in which the traveler will be participating.
8. Explain why participation in the trip is connected to the traveler's individual official or representational duties. Staff should include their job title and how the activities on the itinerary relate to their duties.
As a legislative assistant for a Member of Congress in Illinois,
agricultural issues are part of my legislative portfolio.

9. Is the traveler aware of any registered federal lobbyists or foreign agents involved in planning, organizing, requesting, and/or arranging the trip? ☐ Yes ☒ No

10. **FOR STAFF TRAVELERS:**

TO BE COMPLETED BY YOUR EMPLOYING MEMBER:

ADVANCED AUTHORIZATION OF EMPLOYEE TRAVEL

I hereby authorize the individual named above, an employee of the U.S. House of Representatives who works under my direct supervision, to accept expenses for the trip described in this request. I have determined that the above-described travel is in connection with my employee's official duties and that acceptance of these expenses will not create the appearance that the employee is using public office for private gain.

Date: 6/25/2018



Signature of Employing Member

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PRIMARY TRIP SPONSOR FORM

This form should be completed by private entities offering to provide travel or reimbursement for travel to House Members, officers, or employees under House Rule 25, clause 5. A completed copy of the form (and any attachments) should be provided to each invited House Member, officer, or employee, who will then forward it to the Committee together with a Traveler Form at least 30 days before the start date of the trip. The trip sponsor should NOT submit the form directly to the Committee. The Committee Web site (ethics.house.gov) provides detailed instructions for filling out the form.

NOTE: Willful or knowing misrepresentations on this form may be subject to criminal prosecution pursuant to 18 U.S.C. § 1001. Failure to comply with the Committee's Travel Regulations may also lead to the denial of permission to sponsor future trips.

1. Sponsor (who will be paying for the trip): _____
GROWMARK, Inc. (expenses divided equally among GROWMARK and two sponsors in 3c.)
2. I represent that the trip will not be financed (in whole or in part) by a registered federal lobbyist or foreign agent (signify that the statement is true by checking box): ☒
3. Check only one: I represent that:
 - a. the primary trip sponsor has not accepted from any other source funds intended directly or indirectly to finance any aspect of the trip ☐ or
 - b. the trip is arranged without regard to congressional participation and the primary trip sponsor has accepted funds only from entities that will receive a tangible benefit in exchange for those funds ☐ or.
 - c. the primary trip sponsor has accepted funds from other source(s) intended directly or indirectly to finance all or part of this trip and has enclosed disclosure forms from each of those entities. ☒If "c" is checked, list the names of the additional sponsors: _____
Illinois Soybean Association Checkoff Board, Illinois Corn Marketing Board
4. Provide names and titles of ALL House Members and employees you are inviting. For each House invitee, provide an explanation of why the individual was invited (include additional pages if necessary):
See attached.
5. Is travel being offered to an accompanying relative of the House invitee(s)? ☐ Yes ☒ No
6. Date of departure: 8/7/18 Date of return: 8/9/18
7. a. City of departure: Washington, D.C.
b. Destination(s): Chicago, IL / Northwestern Illinois
c. City of return: Washington, D.C.
8. I represent that (check one of the following):
 - a. The sponsor of the trip is an institution of higher education within the meaning of section 101 of the Higher Education Act of 1965: ☐ or
 - b. The sponsor of the trip does not retain or employ a registered federal lobbyist or foreign agent: ☒ or
 - c. The sponsor employs or retains a registered federal lobbyist or foreign agent, but the trip is for attendance at a one-day event and lobbyist/foreign agent involvement in planning, organizing, requesting, or arranging the trip was *de minimis* under the Committee's travel regulations. ☐
9. Check one of the following:
 - a. I checked 8(a) or (b) above: ☒
 - b. I checked 8(c) above but am not offering any lodging: ☐
 - c. I checked 8(c) above and am offering lodging and meals for one night: ☐ or
 - d. I checked 8(c) above and am offering lodging and meals for two nights: ☐If "d" is checked, explain why the second night of lodging is warranted: _____

10. Attached is a detailed agenda of the activities the House invitees will be participating in during the travel (i.e., an hourly description of planned activities for trip invitees) (indicate agenda is attached by checking box): ☒

11. Check one:

a. I represent that a registered federal lobbyist or foreign agent will not accompany House Members or employees on any segment of the trip (signify that the statement is true by checking box): ☒ or

b. N/A – trip sponsor is a U.S. institution of higher education. ☐

12. For each sponsor required to submit a sponsor form, describe the sponsor's interest in the subject matter of the trip and its role in organizing and/or conducting the trip:

GROWMARK - outline/logistics for tour and communication; cooperative operations; stewardship; nutrient management; transportation and channels to market. Illinois Soybean Association Checkoff Board - agenda topics and programs explaining crop production/utilization, channels to market, production agriculture. Illinois Corn Marketing Board - agenda topics and programs explaining crop production/utilization, channels to market, production agriculture.

13. Answer parts a and b. Answer part c if necessary.

a. Mode of travel: Air ☒ Rail ☐ Bus ☐ Car ☐ Other ☐ (Specify: _____)

b. Class of travel: Coach ☒ Business ☐ First ☐ Charter ☐ Other ☐ (Specify: _____)

c. If travel will be first class or by chartered or private aircraft, explain why such travel is warranted:

14. I represent that the expenditures related to local area travel during the trip will be unrelated to personal or recreational activities of the invitee(s). (signify that the statement is true by checking box): ☒

15. I represent that either (check one of the following):

a. The trip involves an event that is arranged or organized *without regard* to congressional participation and that meals provided to congressional participants are similar to those provided to or purchased by other event attendees: ☐ or

b. The trip involves events that are arranged specifically *with regard* to congressional participation: ☒

If "b" is checked:

1) Detail the cost per day of meals (approximate cost may be provided): _____
\$35 per day

2) Provide reason for selecting the location of the event or trip: _____

Northwestern Illinois is a hub for food and agriculture in the state and for the county.

This area is home to food production, agribusiness, and critical transportation hubs, providing participants a variety of firsthand experience with agricultural issues.

16. Name, nightly cost, and reasons for selecting each hotel or other lodging facility:

Hotel name: Hampton Inn Chicago/Naperville City: Naperville, IL Cost per night: \$119

Reason(s) for selecting: Proximity to tour stops

Hotel name: _____ City: _____ Cost per night: _____

Reason(s) for selecting: _____

Hotel name: _____ City: _____ Cost per night: _____

Reason(s) for selecting: _____

17. I represent that all expenses connected to the trip will be for actual costs incurred and not a per diem or lump sum payment. (signify that the statement is true by checking box): ☒

18. TOTAL EXPENSES FOR EACH PARTICIPANT:

<input type="checkbox"/> actual amounts <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> good faith estimates	Total Transportation Expenses per Participant	Total Lodging Expenses per Participant	Total Meal Expenses per Participant
For each Member, Officer, or employee	\$541	\$238	\$105
For each accompanying relative	N/A		

	Other Expenses (dollar amount per item)	Identify Specific Nature of "Other" Expenses (e.g., taxi, parking, registration fee, etc.)
For each Member, Officer, or employee	N/A	
For each accompanying relative	N/A	

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19. Check one:

- a. I certify that I am an officer of the organization listed below. ☒ or
b. N/A – sponsor is an individual or a U.S. institution of higher education. ☐

20. I certify that I am not a registered federal lobbyist or foreign agent for any sponsor of this trip. ☒

21. I certify by my signature that the information contained in this form is true, complete, and correct to the best of my knowledge.

Signature:

Chuck Spencer

Name:

Chuck Spencer

Title:

Executive Director of Government Relations

Organization:

GROWMARK, Inc.

Address:

1701 Towanda Ave. Bloomington, IL 61702

Telephone number:

(309) 557-6343

Email address:

cspencer@growmark.com

If there are any questions regarding this form please contact the Committee at the following address:

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U.S. House of Representatives
1015 Longworth House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515
(202) 225-7103 (phone)
(202) 225-7392 (general fax)

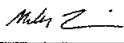
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NON-GRANTMAKING TRIP SPONSOR FORM

This form should be completed by a private individual or entity that provides funds, services, or in-kind donations to another entity to underwrite, in whole or in part, a trip or an event, meal, or activity that will occur during a trip, or a necessary expense that will be incurred during a trip, with express or implicit knowledge or understanding that one or more House Members or employees may participate in or attend that trip or event, or otherwise may be beneficiaries of the gift or donation. A Non-Grantmaking Sponsor that has a direct involvement in planning, organizing, conducting, or participating in the trip must complete this form. **Provide a copy of your completed form to the primary sponsor of the trip.**

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1. Name of your organization: Illinois Soybean Association Checkoff Board
2. Name of Primary Trip Sponsor: GROWMARK
3. My organization has provided funds to the above-named Primary Trip Sponsor to pay all or part of the expenses for a trip to (destination) Chicago / Northwestern Illinois
on (date) August 7-9, 2018 that primarily is being organized or arranged by the above-named Primary Trip Sponsor. ☒ Yes ☐ No
4. My organization has had a direct role in the organizing, planning, arranging, or will have a role in conducting, the trip identified in response to Question 3 or an event that will occur during that trip.
☒ Yes ☐ No
5. Check one:
 - a. ☒ My organization does not employ or retain a registered federal lobbyist or foreign agent *or*
 - b. ☐ My organization employs a registered federal lobbyist or foreign agent, but their involvement in planning, organizing, or arranging the trip was *de minimis* under the travel regulations.
6. I certify that I am not a registered federal lobbyist or foreign agent for any sponsor of this trip. ☒
7. I certify by my signature that the information contained in this form is true, complete, and correct to the best of my knowledge.

Signature: 
Digitally signed by Mike Levin
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Date: 2018.06.20 10:45:42 -05'00'

Name: Mike Levin Title: Dir. Issues Management/Analysis

Organization: Illinois Soybean Association Checkoff Board

Address: 1605 Commerce Parkway, Bloomington, IL 61704

Telephone number: (309) 663-7692

Email Address: levinm@ilsoy.org

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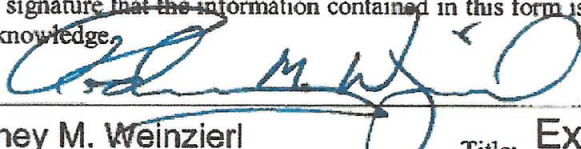
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above-named Primary Trip Sponsor. ☒ Yes ☐ No
4. My organization has had a direct role in the organizing, planning, arranging, or will have a role in conducting, the trip identified in response to Question 3 or an event that will occur during that trip.
☒ Yes ☐ No
5. Check one:
a. ☒ My organization does not employ or retain a registered federal lobbyist or foreign agent *or*
b. ☐ My organization employs a registered federal lobbyist or foreign agent, but their involvement in planning, organizing, or arranging the trip was *de minimis* under the travel regulations.
6. I certify that I am not a registered federal lobbyist or foreign agent for any sponsor of this trip. ☒
7. I certify by my signature that the information contained in this form is true, complete, and correct to the best of my knowledge.

Signature: 

Name: Rodney M. Weinzierl

Title: Executive Director

Organization: Illinois Corn Marketing Board

Address: 14129 Carole Drive, Bloomington, IL 61702

Telephone number: (309) 827-0912

Email Address: weinzier@ilcorn.org

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Mr. Gary Timmins
Office of the Honorable Bill Foster
1224 Longworth House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Mr. Timmins:

Pursuant to House Rule 25, clause 5(d)(2), the Committee on Ethics hereby approves your proposed trip to Chicago and Naperville, Illinois, scheduled for August 7 to 9, 2018, sponsored by GROWMARK, Inc., the Illinois Soybean Association Checkoff Board, and the Illinois Corn Marketing Board.

You must complete an Employee Post-Travel Disclosure Form (which your employing Member must also sign) and file it, together with a Sponsor Post-Travel Disclosure Form completed by the trip sponsor, with the Clerk of the House within 15 days after your return from travel. As part of that filing, you are also required to attach a copy of this letter and both the Traveler and Primary Trip Sponsor Forms (including attachments) you previously submitted to the Committee in seeking pre-approval for this trip. If you are required to file an annual Financial Disclosure Statement, you must also report all travel expenses totaling more than \$390 from a single source on the "Travel" schedule of your annual Financial Disclosure Statement covering this calendar year. Finally, Travel Regulation § 404(d) also requires you to keep a copy of all request forms and supporting information provided to the Committee for three subsequent Congresses from the date of travel.

If you have any further questions, please contact the Committee's Office of Advice and Education at extension 5-7103.

Sincerely,

Susan W. Brooks
Chairwoman

Theodore E. Deutch
Ranking Member

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PRIVATE SPONSOR TRAVEL CERTIFICATION FORM
Question #4 – Name and Title of Invitees
2018 Trip to Illinois

Kellie Adesina, Senior Counsel, House Committee on Agriculture

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Katie Zenk, Professional Staff Member/Counsel, House Committee on Agriculture

Please note: All participants have been invited to this agriculture education program because they have direct involvement in the issues covered on the agenda with their job responsibilities.

Tuesday, August 7

Time	Location	Activity/Topic	District
9:47 AM	O'Hare International Airport – 10000 W O'Hare Ave, Chicago, IL 60666 (Depart DC at 8:45 AM)	Flight Lands	
11:00 AM	Customs/APHIS – 10000 W O'Hare Ave, Chicago, IL 60666	Tour of US Customs and Border Protection to discuss how they protect American agriculture from invasive species.	Mike Quigley (IL-5 th)
1:00 PM	Depart O'Hare		
1:20 PM	Gabby's Bagels – 11241 Melrose Ave, Franklin Park, IL 60131	Tour production facility and discuss food manufacturing and export as well as trade issues.	Mike Quigley (IL-5 th)
2:50 PM	Depart Tour Stop		
3:50 PM	Conserv FS – 20515 Harmony Rd, Marengo, IL 60152	Tour of ag retail facility to discuss product stewardship. Applicator simulator on site to talk about training process.	Randy Hultgren (IL-14 th)
5:45 PM	Depart Conserv		
6:00 PM	John Henning Farm – 1111 Deerpass Rd, Marengo, IL 60152	Tour farm and learn about John's operation. Continue to discuss farm and nutrient management over dinner.	Randy Hultgren (IL-14 th)
8:00 PM	Depart Henning farm for hotel: Hampton Inn Chicago/Naperville 1807 E Diehl Rd. Naperville, IL 60563		

Wednesday, August 8

Time	Location	Activity/Topic	District
7:15 AM	Depart hotel		
8:00 AM	Metropolitan Water Reclamation – 6001 W Pershing Rd, Cicero, IL 60804	Discuss nutrient management and water quality from the point source perspective. Highlight partnerships with farmers.	Dan Lipinski (IL-3 rd)
10:00 AM	Depart MWRD		
10:30 AM	Consulate General of Canada – 180 N Stetson Ave #2400, Chicago, IL 60601	Discussion on trade and the impact agreements such as NAFTA have on American agriculture.	Danny Davis (IL-7 th)
11:30 AM	Depart Consulate		
11:45 AM	Illinois Soybean Association Checkoff – 190 S LaSalle St. Chicago, IL 60603	Working lunch with discussion of "Soy in the City" program.	Danny Davis (IL-7 th)
1:30 PM	Depart IL Soy		
2:00 PM	Chicago Park District – 121 N LaSalle St., Chicago IL 60602	View equipment and see applications for soy biodiesel. Discussion on renewable fuels.	Danny Davis (IL-7 th)
3:30 PM	Depart Tour Stop		
3:45 PM	Greater Chicago Food Depository – 4100 W Ann Lurie Pl, Chicago, IL 60632	Tour depository with discussion on food security.	Luis Gutierrez (IL-4 th)
5:00 PM	Depart Depository		
6:00 PM	John Kiefner – 150002 W. Hoff Rd., Manhattan, IL 60442	Tour John's farm and learn about his crop production system. Discuss farm programs over dinner.	Bobby Rush (IL-1 st)
8:00 PM	Depart Kiefner farm for hotel: Hampton Inn Chicago/Naperville 1807 E Diehl Rd. Naperville, IL 60563	<i>Remind to check-in for flight</i>	

Thursday, August 9

Time	Location	Activity/Topic	District
6:50 AM	Depart hotel		
8:00 AM	CenterPoint Intermodal Center – S Industrial Park Dr, Channahon, IL 60410	Tour facility to see container loading and other aspects while discussing road, river, and rail transportation infrastructure.	Bill Foster (IL-11 th)
9:00 AM	Depart CenterPoint /		
9:30 AM	Brandon Lock & Dam – 800 Brandon Rd., Joliet, IL 60436	Tour lock and dam to discuss critical importance of waterway infrastructure in order to transport agricultural commodities.	Bill Foster (IL-11 th)
10:50 AM	Depart Brandon		
11:40 AM	Rick Brummel Farm – 12340 Faxon Rd, Plano, IL 60545	Working lunch to discuss Rick's farm operation and the challenges they face. Discuss value of cooperatives.	Randy Hultgren (IL-14 th)
1:10 PM	Depart Farm		
2:00 PM	CNH Industrial – 6900 Veterans Blvd., Burr Ridge, IL 60527	Discuss technology and innovation in farm equipment and what the "farm of the future" will look like.	Bill Foster (IL-11 th)
3:30 PM	Depart CNH		
4:00 PM	Drop off at Airport	Flight at 6:05 PM	